tordey Docket No. 15162/03880

AUG 0 6 2001

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re

U.S. application of:

For:

U.S. Serial No.:

Filed:

Group Art Unit:

Examiner:

Kenji TAKADA and Yoshio HAGIHARA

SOLID-STATE IMAGE SENSING DEVICE

To Be Assigned

Concurrently

To Be Assigned

To Be Assigned

RECEIVED

WHY HS. WIT

AUG 1 3 2001

Technology Center 2100

BOX PATENT APPLICATION Assistant Director for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

EXPRESS MAIL MAILING LABEL NO .: EL 794556540 US DATE OF DEPOSIT: AUGUST 6, 2001

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 on the dated indicated above and is addressed to BOX PATENT APPLICATION, Assistant Director for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

DERRICK T. GORDON

Name of Person Mailing Paper or Fe

August 6, 2001 Date of Signature

Technology Center 2600

Dear Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants wish to bring the following items to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of each of the documents is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

No representation is made, and no representation is intended, that more relevant material does not exist, or that the order of presentation of this material in any wa reflects its relative pertinence.

HNOLOGY CENTER R3700

prey Docket No. 15162/03880

RECEIVED AUG 1 6 2001 **Technology Center 2600**

Q₁₀₅₁₄ e references cited below are not intended to constitute an admission of any kind. Specifically, this presentation is not an admission that the items listed below are properly citable against the above-identified application.

The following document is cited in the specification of the application:

(1)Takebe et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,861,621, issued January 19, 1999.

Applicants also wish to bring the following items to the attention of the Examiner:

- (2) Takada et al., U.S. Patent No. 4,973,833, issued November 27, 1990;
- Nakamura et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,289,286, (3) issued February 22, 1994; and
- Hagihara, U.S. Patent Application Serial No. (4)09/537,425, filed March 27, 2000.

Applicants consider the invention to be distinguishable over the above-cited documents.

TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700 As this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the application, no fee is incurred. However, if it should be determined that a fee is required, please charge any required fee (other than the issue fee) during the pendency of this application to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood's Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

Attorney Docket No. 15162/03880

Please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

Respectfully submitted,

James W. Williams

Registration No. 20,047 Attorney for Applicants

JWW:pm

SIDLEY AUSTIN BROWN & WOOD 717 North Harwood Suite 3400 Dallas, Texas 75201-6507 (214) 981-3328 (direct) (214) 981-3300 (main) (214) 981-3400 (facsimile)

August 6, 2001

#45.W.H 2/12/02



Substitute for form 1449A/PTO Complete if Known **Application Number** To Be Assigned Filing Date INFORMATION DISCLOSURE To Be Assigned First Inventor STATEMENT BY APPLICANT Kenji TAKADA et al. **Group Art Unit** To Be Assigned **Examiner Name** To Be Assigned Sheet 1 Attorney Docket No. 15162/03880 **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS** AUG 0 6 2001 OCUMENT o **ISSUE DATE** Examine **SUB** Filing Date if Ď **PATENTEE CLASS** NUMBER **CLASS** Appropriate (mm/dd/yy) (1) 5,861,621 Takebe et al. 01/19/99 250 214 R (2)4,973,833 Takada et al. 11/27/90 250 208.1 (3)5,289,286 Nakamura et al. 02/22/94 223 348 (4)Ser. No. 09/537,425 Haqihara 03/27/00 FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS C O F **TRANSLATION PUBLICATION DATE** Examiner **NUMBER** D Initials 1 (mm/dd/yy) Yes No С RECEIVED AUG 1 6 2001 Technology Center 2600 OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, Examiner symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published Initials

Examiner Signature

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if nown conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with the next communication to applicant.